

FROM THE GILA RIVER.

Uncle Snort Gives Pointers to the Politicians.

Cigars and Whisky Will not Catch Votes on the Gila This Time—Candidates Must Talk Business.

GILA, N. M., September 20.

There is but little new to tell the readers of THE EAGLE from this part of the county. The grass is drying up fast and crops are rapidly maturing. There has been no frost here yet. The weather is warmer than is usual for this time of year.

The political bee has given honey to some and stung others. It will be no use for candidates to bring whiskey or cigars into this locality with the expectation of catching votes. We want men to talk business and economy in our county affairs.

The county commissioners ought to call in all the bonds of the county and have them registered and pay no interest on them until proof is made that they are genuine bonds. Pay no bills against the county until proof is made that the county got value received for every bill.

All the prisoners in the county jail who are confined for petty crimes and offenses should be examined and if it is doubtful whether the county can make cases against them the doors should be opened and let them go and save the county the expense of their board and prosecution.

It is whispered that there is no way to find out whether our sheriff is short or otherwise. Are his books his private property and can they not be examined by the court or the public? There should be a public record of all the acts of our county officials. This private record business is something new under the sun and our legislators should take it in hand. It is time our taxpayers were waking up and seeing where all our money goes. We are making no improvements and have not made any for over ten years and our taxes are getting higher and higher.

Last Monday night T. J. Clark had his new saddle with patent buckles on the stirrup straps stolen. It is a Fort Worth saddle and he will pay \$10 reward for the saddle and buckles.

UNCLE SNORT.

The Democratic Platform.

The following is the full text of the democratic platform adopted at Las Cruces:

WHEREAS, During the past thirty years, the so-called principle of protection has reigned supreme and has plunged American industry into the depths of financial distress which has culminated during the first two years of democratic administration, and which was most deeply felt before the democratic congress had per-

formed one act of legislation, fully establishing the fact that the republican legislation of the past thirty years was wholly in the interest of monopoly at the cost and ruin of labor and industry. Therefore, we commend President Cleveland for his splendid effort for the great democratic principles of tariff reform, and, although disappointed that more was not accomplished, we congratulate the people upon securing such an excellent and advanced effort at a reform of a robber tariff that has worked to the disadvantage of the producing classes; and we further commend the administration for the great reductions in useless expenditures in the government departments at Washington, whereby millions of dollars are saved every year to the taxpayers of the nation.

Believing that the restoration of silver as money of ultimate payment and standard of value, on equal terms with gold, without any discrimination against either metal, at the ratio that existed prior to the demonetization of silver by the fraud of the republican party in 1873, is the issue of foremost concern and greatest importance to the people of the territory and of the United States, and that the change from the double to the single standard is, has been, and will continue to be, until reversed, a grievous and growing wrong to the people of this territory and of the United States, and believing that a large majority of the democrats of this territory so feel, and that the time has come when the welfare of the democratic party in this territory demands a plain declaration on this subject, therefore be it

Resolved, That the democracy of this territory, by their representatives in convention assembled, hereby declare in favor of the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, as it existed prior to its demonetization by the republican party in 1873, and that we pledge ourselves to not support, by word or vote, any one who is not heartily and earnestly in accord with the above declaration.

The enactment of the law taxing incomes in excess of \$4000 we refer to as an illustration of the spirit and purpose of the democratic party to relieve the toiling masses and place the burdens of taxation upon those best able to endure them; and we call upon our national congress to further carry out the spirit of this enactment until the hoarded capital of awful concentrations and trusts shall be made to bear its just proportion of taxation.

We congratulate the people of New Mexico upon the repeal of the federal election law, making it no longer possible for unscrupulous republican politicians to surround the polls with mercenary deputy marshals, and through intimidation and fraud defeat the honest will of the people.

We endorse without stint or qualification the zeal of our delegate in congress, the Hon. Antonio Joseph, and we point especially to his persistent labors and the ripening fruit thereof in placing before congress and the nation the injustice of turning a deaf ear to our imploring cry for admission through the thirty years of republican rule, while republican territories of one-fourth the population of New Mexico were admitted. We are proud of and stimulated by the splendid record of our delegate, and go confidently before the people thereon asking their confidence and support at the polls so that his hand may be

upheld for the final effort in the crowning work of the democratic party for the territory of New Mexico to an honored place among the states of the union.

The warmest gratitude of the people of New Mexico is due to the present territorial executive and his able and fearless assistants for exposing and bringing to deserved punishment the bands of oath-bound thugs, murderers and assassins, who for so many years perpetuated their crime with safety under preceeding republican administrations, and we assure him of the continued earnest and loyal support of all good citizens in his vigorous efforts to enforce the law.

We demand such legislation, both national and territorial, as will give employees a just protection against the carelessness of corporations, and guarantee to them the regular payment of their hard earned wages. And we pledge the democratic party of this territory to the support of such equitable legislation as will be just to both labor and capital.

We are unqualifiedly opposed to the violation of that portion of the Chicago platform of 1892, which guarantees to the people of the territories, Alaska and the District of Columbia, the appointment of federal officials from bona fide residents of the districts in which the duties are to be performed, and a return to the principles which should guarantee home rule by the people of the vicinage; and we further declare the appointment of any non-resident federal official for New Mexico too much like a return to the republican practice of the past to be acceptable to the people of the territory.

We again take the opportunity to speak out on the subject of statehood, demanding the immediate passage of the enabling act, for the admission of New Mexico, now pending in the United States senate as a matter of right and justice, and not at all as a matter of favor, believing earnestly that the greatest good in their history will come to the people of New Mexico through her admission into the union of states, and we pledge the united efforts of our party to this cause.

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